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ROUTINE TRAFFIC CHECK NETS MAJOR DISCOVERY

WAKE FOREST, NC – April 10, 2006 – The Wake Forest Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Division has issued over 1,000 motor vehicle violations since its inception on February 8. Most violations range from speeding and driving without a license to failure to wear a seatbelt and driving while impaired.

The Wake Forest Police Department created the Traffic Enforcement Division after receiving a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program. The three-year endowment enabled the police department to add two new positions to the two departmental positions it had already established. Future plans call for the police department to apply for two additional positions this year and one more in 2007.

On Thursday, April 6, just two days shy of its two-month anniversary, the Traffic Enforcement Division made its greatest impact to date.

During the division's routine license and information check on South Main Street, Antwan Markeith Orr, 18, attempted to avoid the check point by maneuvering his vehicle the wrong way down a one-way street. After observing Orr enter a parking lot on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in search of an exit, Wake Forest police stopped and arrested Orr. A subsequent search of his vehicle uncovered 1.2 pounds of marijuana, three (3) grams of cocaine, three (3) grams of crack cocaine, and a 25-caliber Colt pistol.

Orr, 12521 Pawley's Mill Circle, Raleigh, was arrested and charged with the following felonies: possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, possession with intent to sell and distribute marijuana; possession with the intent to sell and distribute cocaine; possession of a firearm on educational property; and maintaining a vehicle to transport a controlled substance. He was also charged with the following misdemeanors: carrying a concealed weapon; possession of drug paraphernalia; driving with a revoked license; possession of a revoked license; reckless driving; and one-way violation.

For more information about the Wake Forest Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Division, contact Lieutenant Darren Abbacchi at (919) 554-6163.

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